

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT

Applicants: Lynn Holm-Blagg, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR LINKING ACCOUNTS CORRESPONDING
TO DIFFERENT PRODUCTS TOGETHER TO CREATE A GROUP

Kansas City, Missouri

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q' An issuer can issue different types and versions of credit card products. For example, issuer 102b could offer a VISA product and a MASTERCARD product. Each product could be offered in standard, gold and platinum versions. The Product/System blocks 104a, 104b shown in Fig. 1 correspond to different products. If issuer 102b issues a VISA product and a MASTERCARD product, then Product/System 104a could correspond to the VISA product and Product/System 104b could correspond to the

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